166 individuals 4.4 per cent. Some of the Karelians
423 have preferred to pioneer new farms in uncultivated areas with the support of the State. By now the displaced population has more or less adjusted itself to the new surroundings.

• 163 During the last decade the population of
165 Finland has been steadily increasing, due to higher birth rates and a lower rate of mortality, especially infant mortality. The birth rate in 1949 was 25.7 per thousand, the death rate 11.3. The increase of population was, in 1952, 13.5 per thousand, while in 1935 it was only 6.9 per thousand. The life expectance in 1949 was 54.62 years for men, 61.14 years for women. It has been estimated that Finland easily can support a population twice the size of the
167 present one. In spite of this, emigration abroad has at times been considerable. Even in the